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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: DECEMBER 1 WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT

THE 155TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 1 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF UK REP (BOLLAND), WHO ALSO DELIVERED THE ONLY STATEMENT. BOLLAND'S PRESENTATION STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF FOCUSSED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AS THE WESTERN REDUCTION APPROACH DID, RATHER THAN ON THE PROCESS OF REDUCTIONS, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE EASTERN APPROACH, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE AGREEMENT. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE UK STATEMENT, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM, WERE:

1) SINCE AN AGREEMENT WOULD CREATE A NEW SECURITY  
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SITUATION IN EUROPE, IT IS THE OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THAT AGREEMENT WITH WHICH PARTICIPANTS MUST BE CONCERNED.

2) ANY PROPOSALS MUST BE EVALUATED IN LIGHT OF WHETHER OR NOT THE OUTCOME THEY WOULD PRODUCE WOULD CONFORM TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AND WOULD STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE.

3) THE WESTERN APPROACH TO REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS, BASED AS IT IS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF PARITY, WOULD PROVIDE FOR AN EQUITABLE OUTCOME.

4) THE WEST HAS ALSO BEEN REALISTIC IN THAT ITS PROPOSALS ADDRESS THE MAIN SOURCES OF INSTABILITY IN THE REDUCTION AREA AND SEEK ONLY TO ESTABLISH PARITY IN MANPOWER AND TO REDUCE THE EAST'S SUPERIORITY IN MAIN BATTLE TANKS.

5) IN ORDER TO AVOID DIMINISHING WESTERN SECURITY, THE WEST'S PROPOSALS WOULD ESTABLISH COLLECTIVE MANPOWER CEILINGS.

6) THE WEST HAS ALSO TAKEN THE ADVANTAGEOUS GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION OF THE USSR INTO ACCOUNT BY PROPOSING THAT A SPECIFIC LIMITATION BE PLACED ON SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA IN RETURN FOR A SIMILAR LIMITATION ON US FORCES.

7) IN THEIR DECEMBER 1975 PROPOSALS, THE WEST MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE OUTCOME IT HAD ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED BY OFFERING TO REDUCE AND LIMIT SPECIFIED US NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS AND TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER UNDER A COMBINED COMMON CEILING.

8) THIS OUTCOME PROPOSED BY THE WEST WOULD BE EQUITABLE  
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AND IN CONFORMITY BOTH WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING PEACE AND STABILITY IN EUROPE.

9) UNLIKE THE DIFFERENTIATED WESTERN APPROACH, THE EASTERN APPROACH IGNORES THE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE OUTCOME BUT CONCENTRATES INSTEAD ON THE PROCESS OF REDUCTIONS IN ISOLATION.

10) THE EASTERN PROPOSALS NOT ONLY FAIL TO ADDRESS THE PRINCIPLE SOURCES OF INSTABILITY, BUT WOULD CREATE NEW SOURCES OF INSTABILITY BY CONTRACTUALIZING EASTERN MANPOWER AND ARMAMENT SUPERIORITIES TO THE DETRIMENT OF WESTERN SECURITY.

11) THE EASTERN PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL CEILINGS WOULD CREATE AN UNACCEPTABLE OUTCOME BY IMPAIRING THE WEST'S ABILITY TO ORGANIZE ITS DEFENSE COLLECTIVELY.

12) AN AGREEMENT CAN ONLY BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE EXISTING MILITARY REALITIES IN EUROPE.

13) THUS, THE WEST IS PURSUING THE DATA DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE REALITIES, SINCE SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING IS ESSENTIAL IF THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO SUCCEED.

14) THE WEST BELIEVES THAT IF EASTERN PARTICIPANTS WOULD FOCUS ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN OUTCOME IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE SOON TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A DURABLE AND FAIR AGREEMENT. RESOR

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